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July 23, 1975

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Honorable William J. Rogers
Assembly Chamber
C A P I T O L



Dear Mr. Rogers:

I have received your letter of July 7, 1975 in which you enclosed a letter from Mr. Ploetz of Kaukauna. Mr. Ploetz outlined several problems associated with the operation of the Lehrer landfill in the Town of Buchanan. I have discussed the matter with our Lake Michigan District office and another field investigation of that site will be made in the near future. In addition, I have also discussed the matter with the Department's Division of Enforcement since the matter has been referred to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal action.

The case was referred to the Department of Justice in the fall of 1974 for operational problems at the landfill and also for failure to submit engineering plans. Mr. Lehrer has now submitted engineering plans and the Solid Waste Management Section is communicating with Mr. Lehrer's consultant in order to have the plan upgraded and the design improved to adequate levels. Currently, the Division of Enforcement is also communicating with the Department of Justice in order to proceed in legal action concerning the operational problems at the landfill, those described in Mr. Ploetz's letter. Ms. Linda Clifford, attorney with the Department of Justice, is handling the case.

I hope this letter clarifies the situation somewhat for you. I have been in telephone contact with Mr. Ploetz on three recent occasions and have sent to him several copies of the Solid Waste Management Rules for his review and use.

Sincerely,
Bureau of Air Pollution Control
and Solid Waste Management

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Thomas P. Kunes, Assistant Chief
Solid Waste Management Section

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cc: Lake Michigan District
Charles Leveque - Coke
Linda Clifford - Department of Justice

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Lehrer

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Covered.
Not sloped
topsoiled or seeded.

No covering
the only area
receiving any covering
is next to the new turnout
this is limited cover
according to the attendant
He also indicated House
hold refuse was being
disposed in Milled refuse
area & Not covered.

OFFICE MEMO

On April 23, 1975, I inspected the Jim Lehrer sanitary landfill, license number 73, to check its conformance with the order. All newly arriving waste was not being compacted and covered on a daily basis. All the paper mill sludge has not been covered with two feet of cover material. The site had not been screened from the residences on the northern side of the landfill. New demolition material wastes had been placed by the old incinerator location. Paper mill sludge and shredded waste were uncovered near the old incinerator site. That area was not presently being used for disposal. The trench by the attendant's shack was being used for disposal and was partially filled with shredded waste. The shredded waste in the trench was not being covered on a daily basis. The site was inspected from approximately 9:15 to 9:45 AM. The area of sludge by the attendant's shack was still uncovered.

L. Boehm — 4-24-75

Lawrence F. Boehm — Date

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Date
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# Lehrer Trucking Inc.

1604 Crooks Ave.
KAUKAUNA, WIS. 54130
Phone 766-2758



Dear Sir,

The following are anwsersto your questions

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| Municipalities | Census | Conny |
|---|---|---|
| Kaukauna | 12000 | Outigamie |
| Kimberly | 6000 | Outigamie |
| Combine Locks | 4000 | Outigamie |
| Town of Buchanan | 1500 | Outigamie |
| Town of Harrison | 1500 | Calumet |
| (Outigamie County | ? | Outigamie) |

This is tempoary till they get there license

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We are also accepting flammables liquids in a limited amount. This material comes from the paper mills in the valley, such as inks oils greases, glues. This material is handled very carefully & placed in our landfill in teightly sealed steel containers

Thank You
Lehrer Sanitary Service
James Lehrer

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On February 4, 1975, I inspected the Lehrer landfill site, license no. 73. The pile of cars up by the old incinerator was almost completely gone. There were one or two car bodies left. Additional waste had been dumped by the incinerator. This waste consisted of some metals, some demolition type material and a bunch of Christmas trees. It appeared that more than one day's solid waste was exposed. There was a large area of sludge uncovered. Shreaded waste was not being completely covered. Screening had not been provided along the north side of the site. The large portion of the paper mill sludge along the north side of the site had been covered, however, about half of it still had not been covered. By the attendant's shack there was a pile of plastic, some in cube form and some of it still in rolls. Jim Lehrer had told me previously that this stuff was stockpiled here and sold. Final grading and abandonment still had not been done on the 300 foot area set back from the creek. The large trench that he dug supposedly for winter use by the attendant's shack had not been used.

Lawrence Boehm Jr

Lawrence F. Boehm
Natural Resources Specialist

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State of Wis. DNR
Lake Michigan District Headquarters
Box 3600
Green Bay, WI 54303
Attn. Lawrence Boehm Jr.

Dear Mr. Boehm,

Here is a copy of a letter forwarded to me. This will undoubtly change our schedule as to clean up of our waste metals. We still have some auto body and scrap tin to be removed. Hopefully this can be done as soon as these people are accepting material again. We will be in constant contact as to get this accomplished.

Sincerely yours,
Lehrer Trucking, Inc

James Lehrer
James M. Lehrer

Sadoff IRON & METAL CO.

*Division of Sadoff and Rudoy Industries*

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FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN 54935
TELEPHONE 921-2070

- COMPRESSED STEEL BALING
- FOUNDRY GRADES
- ALUMINUM & ZINC SMELTERS

November 21, 1974

Dear Customer:

Last Tuesday, November 19th, we experienced a most unfortunate incident at our processing plant. At our new Shredder we had a concealed gas tank go through our machine and blow the duct work out.

This was a very costly loss, and we were very fortunate in not having one of our employees or one of our customers killed or maimed by the explosion.

Because of this incident, we were forced to halt all car bodies into our yard; something we have never done before.

We will not tolerate any gas tanks on your loads, whether you tell us they are on the cars or not. It would be a great service to us if the haulers would let us know of any haulers who have been concealing gas tanks. Not only does this accident cost us money, but it limits your market for cars.

We are very sorry to have to refuse car bodies at this time, but we should be operating around December 2nd. Please call us at this time. (414-921-2070)

Sincerely,

SADOFF IRON & METAL COMPANY

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DNR
Lake Michigan District Headquarters

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 22, 1974 4400

On November 21, 1974, I inspected the James Lehrer sanitary landfill. At that time the sludge ponds on the upper portion of the landfill site had been covered. Some new sludge disposal areas had been developed. Some of the metal goods appeared to have been removed, however there was still a tremendously large quantity of this material present. The engine block had been removed from the old incinerator. The majority of the cars by the old incinerator had also been removed. There was still an area behind the old incinerator where solid waste and demolition type material ~~was~~ were still uncovered. At the entrance to the Lehrer landfill site there was a barrel indicating that the site was closed and directing the people to the other entrance (the entrance that goes into the incinerator area). The portion of the site over by the attendant shack still had a tremendously large amount of paper mill sludge uncovered. The area was about 150' x 150'. I spoke with Mike, one of the operators of the landfill site, and he told me that they had gone to the area by the incinerator in order to cover up all the material that we had told them to cover up. They will be dumping solid waste over the old uncovered areas, gradually putting a seal over all the areas that previously were uncovered. I told him about the solid waste uncovered behind the incinerator and he said that there was a lot of metal buried in that area and that they proposed to dig that out to sell.

The method that they are using is getting the job accomplished, however because of the large amount of solid waste that they do have to cover up it will take quite some time before one layer of cover material is over all the exposed solid waste. They are doing a fair job of covering the waste that arrives at the site daily. The areas within 300 feet of Kankapot Creek still have not been properly sloped, covered with top soil and seeded. However, no disposal of solid waste is taking place within 300 feet of Kankapot Creek.

No screening has been provided along the portion of the site that is founded by residences.

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